

May Newsletter

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Spring Hello!

Our final meeting of the season will be Monday, May 15, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library. We are privileged to have S. Allyn Schaeffer as our demonstrator. As you know, Mr. Schaeffer is proficient in several mediums; he is nationally known as an artist and as a judge, and is featured in several books. Don't miss this!

Hopefully you all saw our terrific Spring Members' Show at the Somerset County Library; our thanks to Elsa Herrmann and Nancy Schuman for setting up the show. Elsa tells me the following won prizes:

Best in Show Linda Beazley for her watercolor "Snows Hills"

Pro under glass

First: Linda Beazley

Second: Doris Haines

Third: Corinne Kenney

Non-Pro, not under glass

First: Nancy Schuman

Second: Kathy Detrano

Third: Debbie Hughes

Non-Pro, under glass

First: Andrea Morrison

Second: Tomi Higgins

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

A hearty Thank You! to Amy Wiedemann for organizing and running our bus trip to New York City. What a wonderful day it was, inside and out! And say, you all notice how many NJ artists made it into the AWS Show and that last month's RVAA demonstrator, Tim Gaydos, won the biggest award?

A lovely note from Fran Maurer (and it was lovely--on Fran's original watercolor cards (not prints-she paints them; they are sold through stores-you'll want to see some). Anyway, Fran has found a service in Florida which sells 3 years of AMERICAN ARTIST or ARTIST MAGAZINE for only \$28. Unbelievable! (especially since I had bought 1 year at \$22.) Other magazines are also available--list from Mrs. Kay Becker, 551 NW 80th Ave, Apt.208, Margate, Florida, 33063. (You can call Fran at 968-0739)

Here's another artistic opportunity: our former Membership Chairwoman Lib Ryman will be moving. She has available for sale a 25" paper cutter for \$50

and about ten good-looking wooden frames (I know because I bought some) with lights for \$10. each; 18" x 24", frame width about 2". Lib's at 439-2170

If any of you are interested in a Watercolor Workshop in the Garden, I'm doing one for the Green Mountain Arts Council, in Waitesfield, Vermont, the Green Mtns, Aug. 13-16; you can phone me for a brochure, 722-0562.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS (and please mail me your news during the summer; I have an RVAA member news envelope which is very hungry)

Linda Beazley, in addition to her awards in our Members' Show, also won Award of Merit in the American Artists Professional League Members' Show. (Linda also recently returned from an art-full ten days or so in Italy, with many rolls of inspirational-for-paintings film)

Joan McKinney won the Ann Waldron Watercolor Award at the American Artists Professional League Members' Show. She also was awarded Second in Watercolor at Westfield Art Association's Members' Show and Award of Merit at St. Marks Art Festival in Mendham.

Audrey Wreszin received the Sally Logue Memorial Award at the Community Arts Association National Juried Show at Nabisco Headquarters, which was held March 20-April 7. Audrey also won the Classic Award at the Northeast Watercolor Exhibition at the Trotting Museum in Goshen, NY, the Carlee and Woody Walker Award at the West Essex Juried Show at Caldwell College, the Ruth and Harry Kalish Award at the Millburn/Short Hills juried show at the Papermill Playhouse, and Honorable Mentions at the Westfield Art Association and Morris County Art Association Members' Shows.

And now I bid you a fond farewell until September-----till your gardens and paint your inspirations; smell the flowers and bar-b-q the burgers; and otherwise enjoy a most glorious summer!